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MINUTES November 21, 2012

(Ab) = Absent; (Exc) = Excused Absence

COMMISSIONERS	ORGANIZATION	EMS AGENCY STAFF	POSITION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Austin	LAC Ambulance Assn	Kay Fruhwirth	Assistant Director, EMS
<input type="checkbox"/> Erick H. Cheung, MD (Exc)	So. CA Psychiatric Society	Marilyn Rideaux	EMSC Liaison
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald B. Clute	HASC	Richard Tadeo	Assistant Director, EMS
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GUESTS			
Chief Robert Barnes	LAC Police Chiefs' Assn	Kristine Lowe	Hoover High - Glendale
Jesse Bellows	LAC Fire	Roger Lowe	Kristine's dad
Samantha Gates	Assn. Prehosp Care Coord.	Scarlett Lowe	Kristine's mom
Krishan Vadukul	Loma Linda Univ. EMC	Jose Ugarte	Loma Linda Univ. EMC
Sean English	Pasadena Fire	Jesse Vega	LACoFD
Phil Cocker	LACoFD	Kristine Cone	APCC
Ray Sweerman, RN	S. CA Public Health Assoc.		

CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Chairman, David Austin. A quorum was declared.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Each Commissioner and audience attendee introduced him/herself.

Chairman Austin announced that Cathy Chidester was unable to attend the meeting. In Ms. Chidester's absence he presented recognition to the top three agencies, based on numbers trained, that participated in the Los Angeles County Sidewalk CPR training on June 7.

- LAC+USC Medical Center, which trained 800 people
- Hoover High School, Glendale, which trained 1,036 people
- L.A. County Fire, which trained 1500 people

CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C: Commissioner Binch/Snyder to approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- *Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement*

Commissioner Ramirez reported that there was nothing further updates to report on 5150 Detainees and concurred with Commissioner Binch's recommendation that the item be removed

Mr. Binch stated that since the pilot project to improve the method of transporting 5150 detainees was underway, there was nothing further for the Commission related to this matter.

M/S/C: Commissioners Binch/Ramirez to remove transportation mechanism of 5150 detainees from the agenda.

ACTION: Remove item from EMSC agenda
Accountability: EMS Agency

- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Report*

A chart of the funding schedule for prior and current year data of the PSIP program was distributed as well as a transcription of the October 2, 2012 Public Hearing on the proposed reduction. Kay Fruhwirth, Assistant Director, EMS Agency, reported that the financial forecast for the program is based on a reduction of the reimbursement rate from 14% to 9%. The Floor was then opened for discussion/questions.

Commissioner Binch wanted to know how long it would take for DHS to get the notice out and start the reimbursement process. Ms. Fruhwirth stated that once the rate is approved, the claims that have been submitted that meet all requirements, could quickly be processed.

5.2 Pediatric Advisory Committee

Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director, EMS Agency, reported that the Pediatric Advisory Committee completed its first year of meetings and recommended that this item be removed from the EMSC agenda. Mr. Tadeo also reported that the

work group continues to review EDAP standards and is working to bring them up to National guidelines. The Pediatric Advisory Committee representative to the Base Hospital Advisory Committee (BHAC) attends the BHAC meeting regularly and provides input to the Pediatric Advisory Committee.

M/S/C: Commissioners Snyder/Clute to remove Pediatric Advisory Committee from the agenda.

ACTION: Remove item from EMSC agenda
Accountability: EMS Agency

5.3 EMS Agency Data

Richard Tadeo informed the Commission that the EMS Agency Data would be an annual report, however, updates would be provided to the EMSC.

5.4 Community Paramedic

Kay Fruhwirth reported that the EMS Agency held a brainstorming session on August 23, 2012 to discuss the future role of paramedics under healthcare reform and the concept of Community Paramedicine. Several ideas were shared about how paramedics and the EMS system could assist in decreasing hospital visits and/or getting the patient to the correct provider; however implementation of some of the ideas shared would require legislative changes to the Paramedic Scope of Practice. A key concept that was discussed of the session was how to link patients who frequently contact the 9-1-1 system with community resources when appropriate, to reduce their reliance on the 9-1-1 system. This concept could be implemented now.

The State EMS Authority is working with the California Health Foundation on a white paper. This document will address the changing role of EMS and also will identify the regulatory scope of practice changes that are needed to move forward. The draft is due out early in 2013.

Chairman Austin commented that as a result of health care reform there will be an increased demand in services provided by paramedics which will probably require them to perform at a higher level of service.

(New Business)

5.5 1+1 Paramedic Staffing Model

Richard Tadeo reported that the Governance Committee met twice to review the policy but has not completed the process. Areas being reviewed are educational requirements, quality improvement, and reporting requirements. The next Governance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29.

5.6 County of Los Angeles/Public Health and Medical Disaster Coalition Advisory Committee (DCAC)

Kay Fruhwirth referred to a draft document which was distributed on the Bylaws of the DCAC. She stated that the Committee is being formed to address issues that affect emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The EMS Agency requested the EMSC's support. The DCAC is proposed to meet in February, May, and October each year.

M/S/C: Commissioners Clute/Binch to support the DCAC with an additional clause at the end of Article 1 (E) to read, "With the allocation and prioritization of available funding."

5.7 Appointment of a Nominating Committee

Chairman Austin appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee for 2013 and directed them to report back in January with recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair:

Commissioner Carole Snyder, Chair
Commissioner Andres Ramirez
Commissioner Jerry Clute

6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Commissioner Flashman addressed his concern regarding the reduction rate for PSIP reimbursement. Commissioner Flashman stated that the continued reduction of the reimbursement rate will make it very difficult to maintain Board certified specialists to staff hospital emergency departments.

M/S/C: Commissioners Flashman/Clute that the EMSC go forward with a letter to the Board of Supervisors to request that \$2 million dollars of Measure B funds be diverted to PSIP.

- Commissioner Flashman also expressed concern the recent news article about the number of drivers who admitted to driving while under the influence of alcohol.

7. LEGISLATION

None

8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Fruhwirth reported that on December 5 Baxter Larmon, PhD was honored for superior sustained statewide contributions and dedicated leadership in initiating prehospital medical care in California and nationwide and Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill was honored for superior sustained statewide leadership, research and education in improving EMS for Children by the EMS

Authority with a Distinguished Service Award. Nancy Alvarez of County Fire received a Community Service Award for exceptional EMS education efforts in training of Paramedics, EMTs and civilians in Los Angeles County.

- The latest Influenza Watch and Flu View map was distributed for information. Ms. Fruhwirth reported that there had been very little influenza impact on most of the country but Texas and Louisiana had some activity.
- Commissioners were asked to contact Marilyn Rideaux if they had preference regarding their Advisory Committee assignments for 2013, as these assignments will be presented at the January 2013 meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Austin extended a Happy Holidays greeting to everyone. The Meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM to the meeting of January 16, 2013.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 2013
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor)
EMS Agency
10100 Pioneer Blvd.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670**

Recorded by:
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